ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Sunday to you all! Trinity Sunday is here. I alluded a few weeks ago that talking about the Trinity is a bit of a theological minefield, but it is an incredibly important doctrine because the reality of God as a Communion of Persons has a huge impact on our creation and our salvation. Our very existence arises from God's love and beatitude, and that same love is what saves us. That love exists from the beginning of time as the first paragraph of the Catechism says that God is "infinitely perfect and blessed in himself [and] in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life." St. Thomas Aquinas says in talking about love and the divine will that, "Love regards good universally, whether possessed or not." Love is thus the root and origin of every action of God, most especially our creation and salvation. The LORD is gracious and faithful and merciful and patient because of his love for us. The point I am trying to make is summed up in paragraph 221 of the Catechism; "God's very being is love. By sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange." This has been revealed to us, and we cannot know it by our own power or prove it, but simply respond in faith. This is what we celebrate today: that this exchange is available to us and, if we follow Jesus, we are welcomed into this incredible exchange of love.

Diaconate and Presbyteral Ordinations: This Saturday will be the ordination for the Diocese of Lansing. Information has already been put out on our communications platforms, I will be there and would love to see you all there as well. If you cannot make it, please be sure to pray for those to be ordained. *Deacon-elect Paul Keenan will also be at our 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, June 6, to celebrate with our parish community.*

End of School Year: This week I went to the 8th grade graduation at Huron Valley Catholic school, and I know that many of our High School students graduated in the last couple of weeks. This is just an encouragement to pray in a particular way for those students in transition, and a good reminder for all of us to be attentive to our spiritual growth this summer.

God Bless You,

Fr. Jack

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Monday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

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REMEMBERING THE DEDICATION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 4, 1933

In the early years of the Great Depression, the future of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church appeared uncertain. Mounting debt, deteriorating buildings, and a discouraged congregation weighed heavily upon the parish community. Yet from these difficult circumstances emerged one of the most enduring and beautiful churches in the city of Ypsilanti — the present St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, dedicated 93 years ago on June 4, 1933.

When Rev. G. Warren Peek became pastor in 1931, he inherited a parish facing serious challenges. Construction on a new church had been stalled for nearly a decade, leaving parishioners worshipping in a roofed-over basement. The parish school debt had risen, the rectory had fallen into disrepair, and the economic hardships of the Great Depression deepened the uncertainty surrounding the parish's future.

Despite these grim prospects, Fr. Peek approached the situation with remarkable optimism and determination. Rather than delaying construction further, he believed the church should be completed as soon as possible. Beyond providing a permanent home for worship, the project would create jobs for unemployed workers at a time when labor and building materials were available at unusually low cost.

Under Fr. Peek's leadership, the stalled construction plans were revived with a new vision. Construction officially began in June 1932 and moved forward immediately with the demolition of the old rectory. Just a few months later, on September 11, 1932, Bishop Michael J. Gallagher laid the cornerstone for the present church.

Inside the cornerstone, parishioners placed a copper box containing photographs of the old church, along with images of the four pastors who had guided the parish to that point. Also enclosed were the names of 320 parishioners whose contributions helped make the church construction possible, as well as photographs of four non-Catholic benefactors whose generosity played a significant role in funding the project.

Construction moved quickly, and by May 1933 the church was complete. On Sunday, June 4, 1933, Bishop Gallagher returned to dedicate the new St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. The dedication date was chosen intentionally to honor Fr. Peek on the fourteenth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

The completed church immediately drew admiration for its dignified Romanesque architecture and what early commentators described as a "simplicity which is almost austere." Nearly a century later, the church remains a lasting testimony to the faith and perseverance of the parishioners who built it during one of the most difficult economic periods in American history. What began amid uncertainty and financial hardship became a visible sign of hope for the Catholic community of Ypsilanti — a sacred space built not only of stone and marble, but also of sacrifice, generosity, and enduring faith.

Source: Zimmer, Dennis. The History of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, n.d.

SJBeat

Ongoing opportunities for prayer, formation, and community at SJB. Invite a friend and dive deeper into discipleship!

HOLY BREWS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD
7:00 PM
Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100

JUNE ALL-NIGHT ADORATION
FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH, 5PM TO
SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH, 7:45AM
in the Adoration Chapel

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP

MEN'S MINISTRY MORNING
SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH
6:00 AM
downstairs in the PLC

"WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES"

- JUNE 22ND – Angels

MONDAYS AT 6:30
downstairs in the PLC

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WOMEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH
after the 8 AM Mass
downstairs in the PLC

WORSHIP NIGHT
ON SUMMER RECESS.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

At St. John the Baptist, we partner with families to intentionally form youth into joyful missionary disciples. We walk with families and youth in their discipleship journey, offering meaningful opportunities to grow in their faith and belong to a Christ-centered community.

Sign up for our email list to stay up to date on Youth Discipleship Opportunities including Family Faith Formation, Wildfire - Middle School Ministry, and High School Ministry.

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FOOD PANTRY

Through our Food Pantry, St. John the Baptist serves neighbors in need while inviting parishioners to live out Christ's call to love and serve others. Join us in this mission by volunteering, especially if you are bilingual (Spanish-speaking), or by spreading the word to those in need.

FOOD PANTRY HOURS
Thursdays from 6:00–7:30 PM.
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PRESBYTERATE AND DIACONATE ORDINATION

The Presbyterate and Diaconate Ordination of Seminarians for the Diocese of Lansing will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026. Please keep our parish seminarian, Paul Keenan, in prayer as he prepares to be ordained to the transitional diaconate.

A brief reception and opportunity to receive first blessings will follow in the St. Thomas School Gymnasium.

Deacon-elect Paul Keenan will also be at our 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, June 6, to celebrate with our parish community.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6
10:30 AM
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH, EAST LANSING, MI

CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISITC PROCESSION

Join us on Sunday, June 7, for a Corpus Christi Procession as we witness to our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The procession will begin following the 11 AM Mass and include three prayer stops. Together, we will pray in a special way for the students of Eastern Michigan University, the university community, and the work of SJB Campus Ministry. All are welcome to participate in this beautiful witness of faith and prayer. Families are encouraged to bring strollers or other items that may support their children's participation.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7
AFTER THE 11 AM MASS
APPRX. 1-1.5 HOURS, 1.1 MILE ROUTE

SJB APPAREL STORE

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SJB parishioners are invited to enroll their children (grades 1st - 7th) in this fun, faith-filled experience focused on the virtue of Fortitude and its daughter virtues: magnificence, industriousness, and patience.

Through Scripture, the lives of the saints, and hands-on activities, children will learn, create, sing, and grow as Holy Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus.

JUNE 15 - 19
CHRIST THE KING, ANN ARBOR
SCAN QR CODE TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER

OPUSCULA SUMMER CAMP 2026

OPUSCULA is designed to give 6th–8th grade boys a joyful and formative experience through outdoor fun, fellowship, and hands-on learning. This year's camp includes Roman history, historical foam weapon battle reenactments, board games in Latin, sports, and more.

Through discussion-based classes and activities, St. Joseph the Worker Academy forms boys in faith while helping them grow intellectually, physically, and spiritually.

JUNE 22 - 26
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
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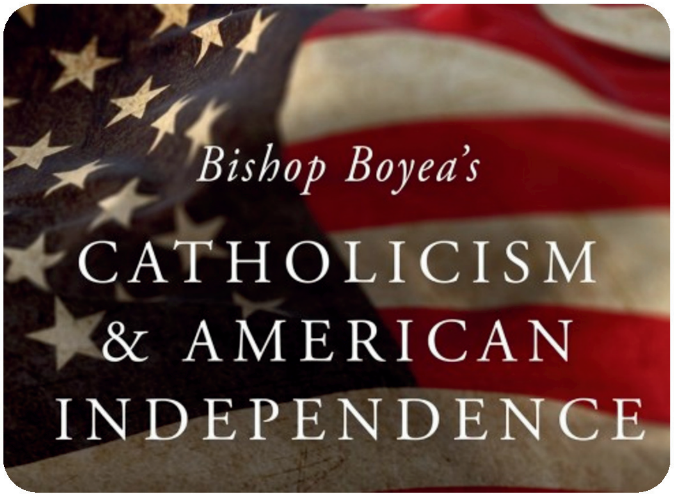

BISHOP BOYEA'S CATHOLICISM & AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE SERIES

This July 2026 we will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America. While Catholics were very few in number in North America back then, they did have a presence. Join Bishop Earl Boyea over the next seven weeks as he reflects on the lives of our fathers and mothers in the faith in what today is the United States.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO WATCH THE SERIES ON YOUTUBE!

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
734-483-3360

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR…

Jake Meyer	Tom Moffit
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck	Ben Hunt
Caroline Stramecky	Peter Wadaga
Rebecca McKenzie	Susan Jose
Fred Hall	Barb Stimach

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the intercessions for healing or for those serving in the armed forces. Names remain on the list for four weeks unless you request an extension.

Our Book of Petitions is also available in the Gathering Space, and these intentions are prayed for at every Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JUNE 1ST
12:15 PM: The Intentions of Brian Wakeman & Angela Meyer
Requested by Eileen Meyer

TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND
6:00 PM: *To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD
8:00 AM: The Intentions of Lily Lucchetti
Requested by Steven & Judy Lucchetti

THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH
6:00 PM: The Intentions of Lily Luchetti
Requested by Steven & Judy Lucchetti

FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH
3:00 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH
8:00 AM: *To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.*

5:00 PM: † Eugene McCully
Requested by Leanna McCully

SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH
9:00 AM: Intentions of James Gunawan
Requested by Rudy Gunawan

11 AM: People of the Parish

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

With the Solemnity of Pentecost last Sunday, the Easter Season came to an end. On Monday, we began Ordinary Time, that is, the period when priests wear the colour green, a time during which we are called to live the Gospel in the ordinariness of everyday life, witnessing the joy of being disciples of the crucified and risen Jesus. If we were to pause and look back a moment, we would be able to visualize a unique image. From a balcony in the heavens, God the Father, aware of how humanity after Adam and Eve's sin (see Gn. 3) had gone astray and was unable offinding the way back to heaven, sent the prophets to help them find that way. But humanity not only failed to heed them, they also killed them (see Mt. 23:29ff.).

In the end, moved with compassion, the Father sent His only Son: "And the Word was made flesh and made his dwelling among us" (Jn. 1:14). Jesus, the Son of God, shared everything about our human condition with us except sin, helping us to remember that we are created by God, that we are His children, and that God is our Father. Through His words and His life, He taught us with Truth regarding the Way to return to the Father, who is eternal Life. Thus, Jesus showed us the Father's face: "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (Jn. 14:9). He reminded us that the way to heaven is open to everyone, that there is no need to be afraid, and that we do not need to be ashamed because God the Father is love, He is faithfulness, He is mercy. Obedient to the Father,

Jesus died on the cross for our salvation. On the third day He rose, defeating sin and death, thus opening the way to return to His Father and our Father (this is what we celebrated on Easter Sunday).

We can confidently choose this Way because Jesus, having ascended into heaven, gave us the Holy Spirit on Pentecost (the Solemnity celebrated last Sunday), the first gift given to believers – the Person of Love poured out into our beings so we might live as children of God.This is how we can understand why the liturgy invites us to celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This Solemnity is a sort of synthesis and, above all, directs us toward the goal of our journey.

This God, who presents Himself as One and Triune, is not all that distant as it seems, but is so very close that He becomes Bread broken for us, Corpus Christi (which will be celebrated next Sunday). This Bread, the Bread of angels, nourishes us on our journey toward heaven. This gift then reveals the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, celebrated the Friday following Corpus Christi.

These three liturgical feasts are a synthesis of the mystery of our faith which we have lived in these last months: from Christmas to the death and resurrection of Jesus, from His Ascension to Pentecost. The Arian heresy, which disputed Jesus's divinity and His bond with the Holy Trinity, was condemned by the Council of Nicea in 325 and Constantinople in 381. These two Councils were providential in spreading the doctrine regarding the Trinity both through preaching and through devotion. As early as the 8th century, liturgical prefaces appeared containing references to the doctrine of the Most Holy Trinity. A votive Mass emerged toward the year 800 in honour of the Trinity, which could be celebrated on any Sunday. This decision was opposed because the Trinity is honoured every Sunday. In the end, it was Pope John XXII who established the feast throughout the universal Church in 1334.

SOURCE: *"Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity." Vatican News, Dicastery for Communication, https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/solemnity-of-the-most-holy-trinity.html*

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
JUNE 6TH & JUNE 7TH

	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 9:00 AM	SUNDAY 11:00 AM
USHERS	Fred Burdick	Angela Parrinello	Aimee Uram-Taylor
	Jeff Decker	Christine Sullivan	John Urbanic
	Roger Michna	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
GREETERS	Rebecca Thomason	John Belleba	Sharon Zielinski
	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
LECTORS	Ellen Gibson	Melissa Florian	David Stolarski
	Maggie Sell	Sarah Scholl	Mike Weathers
SACRISTAN	Natalie Klackle	Lucy Shaw	Judy Ramirez
ALTAR SERVERS	Adrian Anderson	Henry Meyer	Gabriel Netsch
	Jordan Wells	Roger Meyer	Jack Netsch
	Need Volunteer	Thomas Meyer	Liam Netsch

LAY MINISTERS ARE NEEDED TO SERVE AT OUR MASSES. IF YOU'D LIKE TO SERVE AND RECEIVE TRAINING, CONTACT SR. MARY AT SRMARY@YPSICATHOLIC.ORG.

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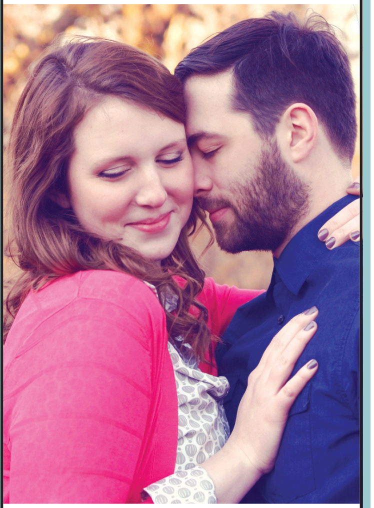
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